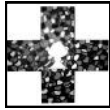


17th December 2017



Notes and News
Christ Church
Milton-next-Gravesend

A warm welcome to any visitors worshipping with us this morning. Please make yourself known to one of the clergy or the people who greeted you at the door.

Looking Ahead

17th Dec
8.00 am Holy Communion (said)
10.00 am Family Communion
6.30 pm Lessons and Carols

21st Dec
2.30 pm Mustard Seed and over 80's party

22nd Dec
7.00 pm Come and Sing

24th Dec
10.00 am Christmas Eve
Holy Communion (said)
3.00 pm Crib Service
5.00 pm Crib Service
11.30 pm Midnight Mass

25th Dec
10.00 am Christmas Day
Holy Communion (said)
10.00 am Holy Communion with carols

31st Dec
8.00 am Holy Communion (said)
10.00 am Family Communion

1st Jan
10.00 am Family Communion

HELP NEEDED

We will be decorating the window sills on Saturday 23rd December starting at 9.30 am. Please come and help if you can spare the time at this busy time of the year.

There will be tea or coffee and mince pies to help keep up the energy levels.

Sheila Knight

MANY THANKS

to everyone who supported the Semiquavers Concert.

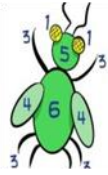
They made £529 after expenses, so with the match funding from Legal and General Investment Management have a total of £1,029.

Many thanks to Legal and General for their generous support.

Holy Communion	Tuesday 7.00 am	Wednesday 10.00 am	Thursday 7.00 am
	Saturday 8.00 am		
Morning Prayer	Monday 8.00 am at	Christ Church	
Morning Prayer	Tuesday 8.00 am at	St. Aidan's Church	
Evening Prayer	Wednesday 5.15 pm at	Christ Church	
Morning Prayer	Thursday 8.30 am at	Holy Family Church	
Evening Prayer	Friday 5.15 pm at	Holy Family Church	



Fish, Chips and Beetles



An evening of fun and food
Saturday 3rd February
at 6.30 pm
in the Church Hall

Book your tickets and order your food by calling Angela on
07900 430002 (last booking date is 27th January)
£7 for fish, £5 for sausage. Bring your own drinks

“Experience Christmas”

The Church will be open on Sunday
17th December from 3.30—5.30 pm
for personal reflection.



If you are able, could you please help
to take down Experience Christmas
on Monday 18th December from 9.30
am.

A huge thank you to anyone who
has helped in any way however small,
front of house or behind the scenes.

It would not have been possible
without YOU,

A very Happy and relaxing Christmas.
Veronica

Bob Brereton’s funeral will
take place in Church on
Thursday 21st December at
11.00 am and will include a
Requiem Mass.

The committal will follow
at Gravesend Crematorium.

On **Thursday 21st December at**
2.30 pm

Mustard Seed will be joined by the
over 80s for a Christmas Party.

Please come along and join in the
fun!!





Christmas

Sunday 17th December at 6.30 pm— Service of Lessons and Carols
followed by mince pies and mulled wine

Friday 22nd December at 7.00 pm —Come and Sing

Meet at the church to go carol singing around residential homes in the parish

Crib Service—this year there will be 2 crib services, at 3.00 pm and 5.00 pm - come to whichever works best for you and your family.



Children are welcome to take part in the nativity tableau by coming dressed as shepherds, angels, wise men or women, animals and other appropriate characters.

Any unwrapped presents will be given to children in need in the local area.

Special service arrangements for Christmas week

This year Christmas Eve falls on a Sunday. There will be **no 8.00 am service that day and the 10.00 am will be a said service with no hymns or music. Midnight Mass is at 11.30 pm**

Services on **Christmas Day will be 8.00 am Holy Communion and 10.00 am Holy Communion with carols.**

There will be no weekday services during the week after Christmas until Sunday 31st December—8.00 am and 10.00 am services as usual

On New Year's Day the only service will be Holy Communion with hymns at 10.00 am. The normal pattern of services resumes from 2nd January.



Christmas Wish List

- Christmas chocolates
- Christmas luxury biscuits
- Coffee and hot chocolate
- Christmas pudding
- Stuffing mix/gravy mix
- Custard and brandy sauce
- Treats and sweets
- Long life fruit juice

- Deodorants, men's shaving items
- Shampoo
- Luxury bubble baths/ shower gel

Also always needed

- Rice
- Tinned fruit
- Tinned meat
- Peanut butter



At present they do not require

- Baked beans
- Tea
- Pasta
- Soup

Thank you for your continued support.

Please remember to bring your old mobile phones, phone cards, spectacles, Canon and HP printer cartridges (*no other ink cartridges, thank you*), stamps, foreign coins, postcards, etc. for re-cycling.

Please put them in Priest Jacqueline's box at the back of the church.

We support Ellenor, Demelza House, The Children's Society, Leprosy Mission, RNLI and Cancer Research UK.

Your contributions provide valuable support to hard-pressed charities and are very gratefully received as well as doing something for the plant.



Gluten free Communion wafers are available at every service—please have a word with the Churchwardens or Clergy if you would like to receive gluten free wafers.

Items for the news sheet should be sent to juliehill34@aol.com or left on the clip in the lobby

Items for the website should be sent to christchurchgravesend.org.uk

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